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The properties listed for this area are those which have been deeded to the state four years ago.

As of this date, some 310 parcels of land will be offered for sale in the office of the Tax Collector, with the sale starting at 10 a.m. on Feb. 25.

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STOCK TRANSFER . . . Sue Brown of South High School issues shares of Edico stock to L. E. Jenkins (left), district manager of the Southern California Edison Co., and Bill Greenawald, Torrance manager for the firm. Edico is a Junior Achievement company sponsored by the electric company. Shares were priced at 50 cents each. Sue is secretary of Edico.

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Supervisors Flay MTA Tax Proposal

The Board of Supervisors went on record Tuesday as vigorously opposing the Metropolitan Transit Authority's proposal to finance the \$649 million rapid transit system through property taxes on Los Angeles County residents.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, leader in the fight against the MTA proposal, pointed out that the Supervisors will make their opposition known to local State Legislators, who will have the opportunity to approve or deny MTA's request to become a taxing agency.

giving an independent Authority (MTA) that is not elected by the people the power to tax," Hahn said.

"The responsibility of taxing property rests in California with those who are elected by the people. This gives the people the right to control their expenditures and maintain some check on heavy taxes."

"I do not approve giving an Authority appointed by the governor the right to levy as much as 15 cents per \$100 valuation on the taxpayers of this County," he stressed.

SUPPORT OF the Southern California Supervisors Assn. and the California Supervisors Assn. also will be enlisted in the battle.

Basically, the MTA has proposed to build a 58-mile transit system and asked for permission to levy a tax of 15 cents per \$100 valuation to finance it.

C. M. Gilliss, executive director of MTA, was present at the Board of Supervisors meeting to defend the position of the Authority. He was subjected to sharp questioning by the Supervisors and finally admitted that the only thing new in this proposal is the measure to give the MTA the right to tax.

EACH ONE CENT on the tax rate raises one million dollars, Hahn pointed out. "Thus, 15 cents on the tax rate would raise \$15 million annually. The assessed valuation of Los Angeles in 1952 was \$6,210,463,420. In 1962, it was up to \$13,021,969,265. If it should raise proportionately in the next 10 years, it will rocket to more than \$26 billion, which means that at this rate of taxation, County taxpayers would be subsidizing MTA with \$30 million annually."

"Also, I question the legal right of an independent Authority to issue \$649 million worth of bonds without the vote of the people."

"THE ROUTES" the MTA has outlined have been the planned routes for a transit system since the days of Henry Hunt in the early 1900s," Hahn said.

Gilliss also admitted that the timing of the announcement of the MTA proposal was geared to the day of the Governor's inauguration, and that the MTA had been remiss in not informing the County Supervisors of the proposal beforehand.

Supervisor Hahn raised several objections to the proposal, many of them basic Constitutional arguments.

"I am completely for a rapid transit system, and I think that several common-sense avenues are open to provide it for the people of Los Angeles County," Hahn said "But I will fight any proposal to put additional tax proposal to put additional tax owners."

HAHN ALSO raised the point that the MTA would force the taxpayers of Los Angeles County alone to be taxed for services of a transit authority that also serves Riverside County, San Bernardino County, and Orange County.

"Why aren't those counties being taxed for the services? Why should just the Los Angeles County property owners foot the entire bill?" he asked.

"It certainly presents a very serious trend to allow an Authority that is not responsible to the people the vast powers of spending public money, without giving the voters any check on the Authority whatsoever," Hahn concluded.

The new is but the old come true. Each sunrise sees a new year born.—Helen Hunt Jackson.

"THE BASIC Constitutional problem in my judgment is



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